## Professor Anthony Cheung on increasing competition for HK students

- Local dailies reported that only 15,500 of the 43,000 JUPAS applicants were admitted this year to the eight UGC-funded universities and the HKMU, with the admission rate falling by three percentage points from last year to 36%. This drop is said to be linked to growing competition from mainland students coming to Hong Kong with their parents under various talent admission schemes.
- Professor Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Research Chair Professor and Advisor (Public Administration) of the Department of Asian and Policy Studies, said on a radio programme that the education sector operates as a free market, and reasonable competition can motivate local students to improve their performance. He explained that many mainland students choose to study in Hong Kong because its education system is internationally recognised and highly competitive.
- Apart from meeting local demand for higher education, he added that Hong Kong's universities should also actively attract overseas students to strengthen the "Study in Hong Kong" brand.
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